



Bruises fade

But the pain

Lasts forever...



**Domestic Violence is a
POWER AND CONTROL
issue**

Emotional Abuse:

Undermining an individual's sense of self-worth



Examples can be:

- Constant criticism
- Diminishing one's abilities
- Name-calling
- Damaging PARENT CHILD relationships

IF THERE'S VIOLENCE
IN THE HOME, THE KIDS
GET THE PICTURE





DATING VIOLENCE

**One third of
high school
students have
been or will be
involved in an
abusive
relationship.**



The Abuse of the Elderly

Can be:

- **Physical**
- **Emotional**
- **Financial**

Men can be victims of domestic abuse.





**Annually
960,000 to 3
million women
are abused by
current or
former spouse,
boyfriend, or
girlfriend.**



**Why won't
victims leave?**

**Commitment
to relationship**

No place to go
*Fear of losing a place to
live*

**Economic
Dependency**

**Fear of loss of
child custody**



CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

- **Remorse**
- **Apology**
- **Tension**
- **Abuse**

What can you do to prevent DV?



Don't Ignore it
If you witness it- REPORT IT!



Help a victim stay safe



Speak Out Against it



Support Legislation



Start with your children



**Don't play along
with domestic violence**

Domestic Violence Assistance in Maryland

- **The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV)**
- **Comprehensive domestic violence centers**
- **Specialized programs**
- **Hospital-based programs**
- **Legal services for DV victims**
- **Cecil County DSS-DV/Sexual Assault Program**
- **Local Departments (for referrals to services)**